

(b) if so, whether any complaints have been received by the Organisation from the tribal people; and

(c) if so, the nature of the complaints?

The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mohr Chand Khanna): (a) A post of Adviser, Tribal Welfare, was sanctioned but it has not so far been possible to recruit a suitable person. A Special Organisation will be set up after this officer has joined.

(b) and (c). No complaints have been received.

#### Per Capita National Income

\*1171. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the decline in the per capita national income in 1957-58 as revealed in the Estimates of National Income; and

(b) if so, whether Government have ascribed any reason for this fall in the per capita national income in 1957-58?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Yes.

(b) The main reason was the failure of agricultural crops during 1957-58 due to unfavourable weather conditions.

#### Cure for "Root-rot" in Plants

\*1172. Shri P. K. Deo: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research has been done at the Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. to cure the root-rot disease in the Chilli and Tobacco plants; and

(b) if so, the results of the research?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Preliminary investigations on anti-fungal antibiotics for preventing root-rots of tobacco and chilly seedlings have shown promising results. Further experiments are in progress.

#### Export of Handloom Cloth

\*1173. Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed for the quantity and value of handloom cloth to be exported during the year 1959;

(b) how does it compare with export figures in 1957 and 1958; and

(c) what is the quantity and value exported during the first six months of 1959?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) No target for export of handloom cloth in 1959 has been fixed.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 12·418 million yards valued at Rs. 210·69 lakhs upto May, 1959. Figures of exports for June 1959, are not yet available.

#### Ancillary and Feeder Industries

\*1174. { Shri Harish Chandra  
Mathur:  
Shri Damani:  
Shri K. N. Pandey:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised any scheme for the growth of ancillary and feeder industries;

(b) if so, what is the nature of the scheme; and

(c) what results have so far been achieved in adjusting relationship between large scale and small scale industries?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Scheme envisages approach by various agencies to large scale units